



# Iowa General Assembly

## 2008 Committee Briefings

Legislative Services Agency – Legal Services Division

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### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Meeting Dates:** [June 12, 2008](#) | [December 8, 2008](#)

**Purpose.** *This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.*

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 8, 2008

**Chairperson:** Representative Patrick J. Murphy

**Vice chairperson:** Senator John P. Kibbie

**LSA Director Appointment.** Upon recommendation of legislative leaders, the Legislative Council approved the appointment of Mr. Glen Dickinson as Director of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). Mr. Dickinson has held various positions with LSA and state government since 1981 and was LSA's Computer Services Division Director prior to this appointment.

**Analysis Studies Canceled.** The Legislative Council acted to cancel the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Facility Analysis and the Education Rigor Analysis Studies. Both studies involved the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) for consultant services. Although an RFP was issued for the education rigor study, the law enforcement study committee had not yet met. Senator Gronstal commented that the current state budget conditions would have precluded expenditures to address the results of the studies.

**Completion Deadlines Extended.** Legislative Council guidelines for interim study committees require the committees to complete their deliberations by December 15, 2008, unless an exemption or new deadline is authorized. Deadline extensions were authorized for the Legislative Property Tax Study Committee meeting planned for January 7, 2009, to receive the committee consultant's final report, and for the Criminal Code Reorganization Study Committee to reschedule its December 9, 2008, meeting which was canceled due to weather (the study committee is considering rescheduling to Thursday, January 15, 2009).

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**Committees.** The Legislative Council approved recommendations reported by the Service Committee and Studies Committee and received annual reports from the Fiscal, Government Oversight, and International Relations Committees. See briefings in this issue for the Service and Studies Committees.

**Flood Update.** Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge updated the Legislative Council, via telephone, concerning the flooding and storm damage being experienced in the state and the status of state and federal efforts to address the damage. To date, 55 counties have been designated by the state as disaster areas. As for the federal designation, it is hoped that the

counties recently experiencing flood and storm damage will be added to the federal disaster declaration for those counties that were hit by tornadoes at the end of May. Using this approach will make the federal response quicker.

**Dennis Prouty Retirement.** Recognition was provided to Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Services Agency (LSA), who is retiring after 36 years of legislative employment. A reception for Mr. Prouty is scheduled for Monday, June 30, 1-3 p.m. in Statehouse Committee Room 116. An interim director will likely be named and leaders will meet to determine how to proceed with respect to LSA management personnel and assignments.

**Revenue Estimating Conference Appointment.** Ms. Holly Lyons, LSA Fiscal Services Division Director, was appointed to replace Mr. Prouty as the legislative appointment to the Revenue Estimating Conference.

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